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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shila JALALI et al.

Application No.: 09/724,909

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: MICROSTRUCTURE APPARATUS AND

METHOD FOR SEPARATING DIFFERENTLY

CHARGED MOLECULES USING AN

APPLIED ELECTRIC FIELD

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: John S. STARSIAK

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly enter the following amendments prior to examination:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please consider the following amended claims:

18. (Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the capture matrix binds the molecule of interest non-specifically.

19. (Amended) The system of claim 18 wherein the capture matrix comprises a material selected from the group consisting of metal chelate resins, anionic resins, cationic resins, polyvinylidine fluoride, nitrocellulose and charged nylon.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

- 1. Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment.
- 2. Additional papers enclosed:
 - [] Information Disclosure Statement w/PTO Form 1449 listing one reference.
- 3. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

| CLAIMS AS AMEND | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid | Present Extra | at Rate of | Total Fees |
|---|---|-------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c)) | 147 | minus | 69 | 78 | x \$18 each= | + \$1404.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R.§1.16(b)) | 2 | minus | 3 | 0 | x \$84 each= | +\$.00 |
| [] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s) \$280.00 | | | | | | + \$ |
| SUB-TOTAL = | | | | | | |
| Reduction by 2 for filing by a small entity | | | | | | - \$702.00 |
| TOTAL FEE = | | | | | | |

- 4. <u>Fee Payment</u>
 - [] No fee is to be paid at this time.
 - [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$\frac{\$702.00}{}\$ for additional claims fees to deposit account no. 50-0310.
- 5. <u>Constructive Petition</u>: **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted

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